# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Thursday, 9th December 1954.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take up the privilege motion after the question hour. I have placed before the House about forty questions and I hope to finish them all within the question hour with the co-operation of hon. Members.

" Now we can take up Short Notice questions Nos. 283, 290 and 292 together as all of them are allied questions."

*Strike in the Standard Clay and Tile Works Factory, Feroke, Malabar.*

* 283 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there has been continued victimization and dismissal of workers by the Manager, Standard Clay and Tile Works, Feroke, Malabar, resulting in a strike from 1st December 1954; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government have referred for adjudication the dispute relating to the retrenchment of 37 workers by the management."

*Retrenchment in the Standard Clay and Tile Works, Feroke, South Malabar.*

* 290 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Standard Clay and Tile Works, Feroke, South Malabar, retrenched 37 workers on 18th November 1954, violating the provisions especially of section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) It is a fact that the management retrenched 37 workers on the 18th November 1954. The question whether the retrenchment was justified is the subject of adjudication.